

Sustainable Food Purchasing Standard

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard is to outline the UK & Ireland adoption of Global purchasing standards and the additional UK&I purchasing standards.

SCOPE

These standards apply to the UK & Ireland businesses and govern the sustainable purchasing standards for food ingredients and food products.

STANDARD STATEMENT

ISS UK&I is committed to responsible sourcing throughout its extended supply chain, through ensuring adherence to our Supply Chain and Procurement Guidelines and Buying Standards.

The Global Food team have set standards for food purchases for palm oil, sea food and caged free eggs as detailed in the ISS A/S 2022 Sustainable Food Purchasing Standard document. The UK&I food business will adopt these standards in addition to those country specific standards set out below.

This will be reviewed by the UK&I business on an annual basis and the information will be made available to outside parties, including the public, on request or via the ISS UK website. It will be actively communicated to all employees, particularly those working in the UK Food and Procurement OP teams.

The following Global standards will be met by the UK&I food business to ensure that we can demonstrate our commitment to responsible sourcing:

Palm Oil:

ISS UK&I has instructed its supply chain to only include frying or cooking oils that are free of palm oil. For other food products containing palm oil, we have instructed our supply chain to only include those that contain palm oil originating from sustainable sources certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). This will be completed by 31st December 2023.

Sea Food:

ISS UK&I has instructed its supply chain to remove all fish that has been 'red rated' by the Marine Conservation Society (scoring a 5). These are considered by the Marine Conservation Society to be unsustainable, overfished, and highly vulnerable or from poorly managed fisheries or farming systems. We will seek to increase the proportion of sustainably sourced fish on our menus rated 'Fish to Eat' (rated 1 or 2) by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS).



Cage Free Eggs

ISS UK&I has instructed its supply chain to remove all eggs or egg products (fresh, boiled and liquid) that are sourced from hens in cage systems, including enriched cages and combi cages. We will seek to source higher welfare eggs and egg products (fresh, boiled and liquid) that are Free Range or above, which carry the British Lion Quality Mark and are RSPCA Assured

In addition to the above, the following additional standards will also apply in the UK&I food business, particular to those sectors outlined:

Government Buying Standards:

ISS UK will adhere to all mandatory Government Buying Standards as required in Government food contracts in England.

Food For Life Served Here:

ISS UK Schools business will provide menus that meet the 'Food for Life Served Here' bronze criteria to all primary schools.

Country of Origin Standard (Ireland only):

ISS Ireland comply with the 'Health (Country of Origin of Beef) Regulations 2006 (S.I No: 307 of 2006) as amended by S.I No: 85 of 2007'. To this end, the country of origin of all our fresh beef in our Ireland business is Ireland.

DEFINITIONS

Government Buying Standards:

Central government procurers directly, or through their catering contractors, are required to apply Government Buying Standards for food and catering services. The standards include a set of minimum mandatory standards for inclusion in tender specifications and contract performance conditions. It also includes some best practice standards which are recommended but not required.

Food For Life Served Here:

'Food for Life Served Here' is an independent endorsement, backed by annual inspections, for food providers who are taking steps to improve the food they serve. The aim of the scheme is to encourage and reward caterers who: serve fresh food, source environmentally sustainable and ethical food, make healthy eating easy, and champion local food producers. Food for Life Served Here applies only to food.

Country of Origin Standards (Ireland)

S.I. 307 of 2006 and its amendment S.I. No. 85 of 2007 ([Irish Statute Book](#)) are intended primarily for the catering and food service sector. The regulations place an obligation on restaurants and other catering establishments in Ireland to communicate information on the country of origin of beef to the consumer. A caterer providing prepared beef to consumers must not advertise the beef for sale or supply; present it for sale or supply or sell or supply it unless the country or countries of origin of the beef is indicated at the point of advertising, presenting, sale and supply in clear legible type on the advertisement, menu or other presentation used.

The Regulations define "Prepared beef" as: "*means beef, within the meaning assigned to it by Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000, which has been cooked or otherwise prepared for human consumption in the caterer's establishment and beef within that meaning which has been bought in cooked*"

REFERENCES

- ISS A/S 2022 Sustainable Food Purchasing Standard document

CHANGE LOG

Date of Change	Author of Changes - Name and a Job Title	Short Summary of Changes

